

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Claims 1 and 2 were present. Claim 1 is amended. Claim 2 is canceled.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the suggested wording changes that would overcome the rejection. Claim 1 is amended with attention to the Examiner's comments.

In view of the amendment, claim 1 is submitted to be allowable.

Claim 2 is rejected under the judicially created double patenting doctrine. To further prosecution and put the application into allowable form, claim 2 is canceled.

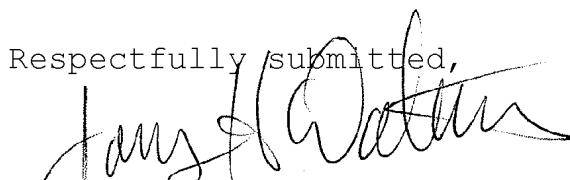
The drawings are objected to. New drawings are submitted to address the points raised regarding the copy marks around the numbers and lead lines. Regarding items 19 and 22 mentioned in the specification, these numbers do appear in FIG. 3. If there are other reference numbers that are considered missing, applicant is happy to make further amendments to add them. .

Regarding the IDS referred to in the office action, it is noted that the items listed on the International Search Report have been designated as "A" type documents, "document defining

the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance". Applicant is relying on this characterization of the International Search Report, and accordingly, is not submitting the documents, since the International Search Report considers them to not be of particular relevance.

In light of the above noted amendments and remarks, this application is believed in condition for allowance and notice thereof is respectfully solicited. The Examiner is asked to contact applicant's attorney at 503-224-0115 if there are any questions.

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